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## Memorandum

**To:** Workers' Compensation System Participants

**From:** Jeff Carothers, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Counsel

**Date:** November 8, 2011

**Subject:** Informal Working Draft: Rules Relating to Notice and Reporting Requirements for Subscribing and Non-Subscribing Employers; and Rules Relating to Notice of a Texas Labor Code §504.053(b)(2) Election by a Self-Insured Political Subdivision

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is accepting comment on informally proposed rules to add new 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§110.7, 110.103, 110.105, and 160.1, and to amend 28 TAC §§110.1, 110.101, 160.2, and 160.3. This informal working draft relates to various notice and reporting requirements imposed upon subscribing and non-subscribing employers, and is primarily designed to update and clarify these notice and reporting requirements. This informal working draft also contains a new rule that would require a self-insured political subdivision to notify the TDI-DWC when the political subdivision elects to provide medical benefits in accordance with Texas Labor Code §504.053(b)(2).

The informal working draft was published on November 8, 2011 and may be viewed on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/drafts.html>. The comment period on the informal proposal closes December 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

This informal working draft is not a formal rule proposal. Accordingly, comments will not be treated as formal public comment for the purposes of the Texas Administrative Procedure Act. In addition to commenting on this informal proposal, there will be the opportunity to formally comment once the rules are proposed and published in the *Texas Register*. The TDI-DWC anticipates formal publication of the rules in January 2012. The informal working draft may contain drafting notes and formatting which will be changed as necessary to comply with the *Texas Register* formatting.

Comments may be submitted by e-mailing [InformalRuleComments@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:InformalRuleComments@tdi.state.tx.us) or by mailing or delivering the comments to Maria Jimenez at:

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